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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BRANIFF AIRLINES SERVICE TO LONDON

1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, BRANIFF IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY BRITISH AUTHORIZATIONS TO OPERATE THE DALLAS/FORT WORTH-LONDON ROUTE ONCE BRANIFF IS DESIGNATED FOR THIS ROUTE FOLLOWING FINAL PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OF THE NECESSARY CAB ORDERS. BRANIFF ALSO INTENDS TO SEEK BRITISH PERMISSION TO UTILIZE HEATHROW AIRPORT, RATHER THAN GATWICK, FOR THIS OPERATION. THE BOYD-SHOVELTON LETTERS EXCHANGED AT THE TIME OF SIGNING OF THE NEW AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT CONTAIN AN INTERPRETIVE NOTE WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF AIRPORTS, THE LAST TWO SENTENCES OF WHICH ARE PERTINENT TO WHETHER OR NOT BRANIFF MAY UTILIZE HEATHROW AIRPORT.

2. IF THIS ISSUE IS RAISED WITH EMBASSY BY THE BRITISH
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AUTHORITIES, YOU SHOULD TAKE THE POSITION THAT IT IS THE US INTERPRETATION THAT (A) ABSENT THE DESIGNATION OF A UK AIRLINE TO SERVE DALLAS/FORT WORTH, AND (B) ABSENT THE STARTING OF ANY SERVICE BY A BRITISH AIRLINE ON THIS ROUTE, BRANIFF IS ENTITLED TO USE HEATHROW AIRPORT. SHOULD THE UK LATER DESIGNATE AN AIRLINE ON THE ROUTE WHICH OPERATES FROM GATWICK AIRPORT AND WHEN THAT AIRLINE STARTS SERVICE

ON THE ROUTE, THEN WE AGREE THAT BRANIFF WOULD HAVE TO

TRANSFER ITS OPERATIONS TO GATWICK AIRPORT. THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE AIRPORT PROVISIONS WAS TO RESPOND SYMPATHETICALLY TO THE BRITISH DESIRE TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AT HEATHROW BUT ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD NOT PLACE ANY AIRLINE AT A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE. THE US INTER-

PRETATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS PURPOSE. VANCE

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